

Minutes of a Meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life
Held on
December 12, 1997 at 10:00am in AD 131

Present: Mr. R. Côté, Chair, Ms J. Hackett, secretary, Dr. S.M. Graub, Ms. J. Brathwaite, Ms A. Kerby, Mr. Zarins, Ms C. Hughes, Ms A. Ghadban, Prof. B. Barbieri, Ms C. Cogger, Ms M. West, Mr. A. Feldman, Ms L. Toscano, Ms C. Boujaklian

Absent with Regrets: Mr. W. Kennedy, Mr. R. MacIver, Mr. M. Bujold, Mr. B. Barua, Ms A. Vroom, Ms L. Lipscombe, Ms K. Hedrich, Ms C. Blackwood, Ms T. Ryan, Mr. D. Hinton

Delegates: Ms A. Siano replaced Ms N. Torbit, Ms I. Sendek replaced Dr. Bonin,

Guests: Mr. O. Moran, Mr. C. Buchanan

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Feldman requested that *Student Rights as Partners in the University and Provision Swap Agreement* be added to the agenda under Business Arising. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Mr. Feldman and seconded by Ms Hughes. The motion was carried.

2. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Côté welcomed Mr. Charles Emond, Vice Rector Services to the meeting. Mr. Emond took the opportunity to explain to Council that although he has been unable to attend the CCSL meetings on a regular basis, he felt that Council was an important part of the University structure. He hoped his schedule will allow him to be available for the meetings next semester.

Mr. Côté noted that student representation was low this morning due to the examination period. He felt that in future the scheduling of the meetings in December and April should be perhaps more sensitive to students' schedules.

Mr. Côté distributed to Council a document entitled *A Space Plan for Concordia University*. He explained the document was being tabled as a point of information and could be discussed at the next CCSL meeting after Council has had time to read it.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 1997

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Professor Barbieri and seconded by Ms Hughes. The motion was carried with one abstention.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Provisional Swap Agreement

The motion concerning the Provisional Swap Agreement, originally presented by Mr. Feldman, had been tabled at the October 17th CCSL meeting.

It was moved by Ms Hughes, seconded by Ms Kerby to untable the motion relating to the Provisional Swap Agreement.

The motion was passed by Council

objection, the motion was withdrawn.

4.2 Hall Building - Clocks and Lighting

Mr. Côté asked Ms Boujaklian to update Council on the state of the clocks and lighting in the buildings on the SGW Campus. There is a new "digital clock" system being installed that should be completed within the year. These clocks will be placed in strategic areas. There is currently a new lighting system being tested out in the corridors of the 5th floor of the Hall Building. If this test proves successful, the Hall Building corridors will be re-lamped.

4.3 List Serve

Mr. Côté informed Council that a list serve for CCSL is currently being set-up. E-mail addresses will be required for Council members. Once this system is in place, the CCSL minutes can be distributed by the list-serve. Of course "paper" copies of the minutes will be available for any Council member who wishes it.

4.4 Vending Machines

Mr. Feldman informed Council that although the Bryan Building Coffee Machine was now dispensing coffee, it sometimes did not dispense cups with it. For better service he felt it would be advisable to have listed on or near the coffee/vending machines, the department responsible and their phone number. Mr. Côté agreed and said he would pass the suggestion on to Mr. MacIver.

4.5 Student Rights as Partners in the University

A revised motion by Mr. Feldman, seconded by Ms Cogger was circulated (see attached document 12-12-97). Mr. Feldman indicated the changes to the motion were for clarification only, not content. He informed Council that this document had been endorsed by the CSU Council at their last meeting. Council took a few minutes to read the motion. Concern was expressed on the wording. It was felt that there were two separate issues being dealt with in the motion. Mr. Feldman clarified for Council. On the first issue concerning student representation, Mr. Feldman stated assurances were needed that there would be representation on all committees including any ad hoc bodies that deal with the disbursement of funds. There was concern from the students that committees may exist that do not have student representation. A discussion followed. It was agreed that Mr. Côté would write a letter on behalf of CCSL to the Board of Governors to confirm what structures are currently in place and to ensure that there is student representation on any existing or future committees with respect to the disbursement of funds contributed by the Campaign for a New Millennium. A copy of the letter will be sent to CCSL members.

There was a lengthy discussion on the second part of the motion concerning the rights of students vis-a-vis space at the University. Ms West asked about agreements currently in place. She felt a formal policy would alleviate this continuing problem. Mr. Emond gave a brief overview of the many ways space is contracted at the university. He indicated it might be useful to have M. B. Freedman, Legal Counsel, speak on this issue at a Council meeting. Discussion continued on the motion. There was concern expressed on the intent. Ms Kerby asked for clarification. Is the motion asking for the right to enter into negotiations with the University with no expectations either way on the outcome? That is a legitimate request. However, she felt the motion went far beyond that. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Feldman said this motion could be tabled and Council could continue the discussion at the next meeting. However, he felt that CCSL is the appropriate body to take a stand on this issue. Students have a right to negotiate. There should be no

debate as to whether or not students have a right "to be at the table". However, there was still concern expressed on the wording of the motion. Ms Cogger felt it would be advisable to invite Ms Aldworth to speak on this issue to CCSL. Professor Barbieri felt Council was not that far apart on this issue. He felt a small working group would be able to iron out the difficulties and submit a motion that Council could support. Council agreed that was a viable solution. Mr. Cote agreed to set-up a working group to deal with this issue.

Mr. Côté indicated that as the meeting was running late and as Mr. Buchanan from Computing Services had arrived, perhaps it would be wise to move to item 6 on the agenda (Reports) at this time. Council agreed.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Computing Services

Mr. Craig Buchanan from Computing Services gave an overview of the Computing Services. He distributed brochures that detailed the various services students can avail themselves of. An informative and interesting question and answer period followed. Mr. Côté thanked Mr. Buchanan for taking the time to meet with CCSL. It was very much appreciated.

5.2 Health Services - Outreach Activities

Mr. Owen Moran spoke briefly about the outreach activities Health Services offers to students. Through slides, Mr. Moran showed how different health models were used to deal with students various problems or attitudes about their health. Mr. Côté asked what issues students were most concerned with or interested in. Mr. Moran responded that through quizzes and needs assessments, students indicated they wanted information on stress management, exercise, nutrition and self-care. Issues such as alcohol, drugs and safe sex were not a high priority. However that information is included as they often go hand-in-hand with the other issues. Mr. Moran reminded Council that services are available for students, staff and faculty. Mr. Côté thanked Mr. Moran for an interesting and timely presentation.

6. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Ms Brathwaite announced that the deadline for In-Course Bursaries has been extended to December 12th.

Ms Kerby reminded Council that the Spirit of Christmas Fund was operational and encouraged Council to participate in whatever way possible in this worthy venture.

Mr. Feldman informed Council that the CSU Christmas Party was this evening at the Campus Centre. All members of CCSL were invited to attend.

Ms Graub reminded Council that the Smart Start Program would commence January 19 and continue through to February 6. Letters will be sent out to all new students encouraging them to participate in this program. As well she informed Council that the Arts & Science and Fine Arts Career Fair will be held on the Mezzanine February 12.

Ms Sendek informed Council that some renovations were being done at the Vanier Library (Periodicals) and apologized for any inconvenience.

Mr. Côté announced that the annual Student Services Festival would be held on January 21 in the Mezzanine.

7. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR, MS KERBY, RECREATION & ATHLETIC BOARD

Ms Kerby agreed that due to time constraints the January report would be included with the February report, in effect "two for one".

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Student Bill of Rights

As it was 12:00noon, Mr. Côté asked Council if it might be appropriate to defer discussion on the *Student Bill of Rights* until the February meeting. He felt that this issue was important and that Council would not have the necessary time for proper discussion. Mr. Feldman agreed asking that this item be given top priority on the agenda. Council was in agreement.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be January 23, 1998 at 10:00 in H 769 (SGW Campus).

10. TERMINATION OF MEETING

A motion to terminate the meeting was made by Ms Hughes, seconded by Ms Brathwaite at 12:15pm.